

Explanation of Suggested Edits for Legislative Agenda, PP&J

Public Safety and Emergency Management

- **EMS Services:** minor grammatical change
- **Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems:** Suggesting this change to reflect 2018 RES 330.
- **Next Generation 911:** This provision was added because it was approved in 2017 RES 045, but because this funding was added in the 2017 budget, it is no longer relevant and should be deleted.
- **Recording Fees:** Is this provision necessary or can it be removed because of the “Open Records Law” provision below?
- **First Responder Training:** Remove unnecessary clarification
- **Emergency Communications Interoperability:** Delete section because OBE, federal government and DaneCom addressed this.
- **Conceal and Carry Weapons:** Updated language to reduce redundancy and adopt more traditional terminology.

Criminal Justice and Corrections:

- **State Audit Probation & Parole Program:** Rather than requesting an audit, would the County prefer to “Support reforming the probation and parole program to streamline the revocation process in order to reduce days in jail”?
- **Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap:** This is a priority issue for WCA. WCA CAP Team lobbied to increase SPD rate to \$70 to bring into line with counties’ rate (which will be bumped to \$100 in 2021). WCA is also asking for increased state funding to cover counties’ costs for court-appointed attorneys, so suggest adding this language.
- **County Jail:** minor grammatical changes and DHS pointed out that funding for TAP is directed to DHS, not the jail, so deleted language from here.
- **Victim-Witness Program:** Consider combining this with suggested addition of language opposing the Marsy’s Law Constitutional Amendment.(See below.)
- **License Fee:** I am unfamiliar with this fee. Ask staff whether this has been instituted. If not, is \$12 still appropriate? Where does (or should) this money go? FYI, WisDOT issues a reinstatement fee of \$60.
- **Industrial Hemp:** Remove because passed into law as 2017 Act 100.
- **District Attorney Funding:** Suggest adding this language because the County must pursue this issue given an unintended consequence of the populous county update.
- **Legalize Marijuana:** Either delete referendum information because explanatory, and therefore unnecessary, or update to 2018 results.
- **Interstate Traffic Tickets:** Suggest deleting this provision because unsure of the reference so not confident the County is still interested in pursuing.
 - I found a 2009 reference that the County Executive sought to “allow the state to join the interstate compact on traffic forfeitures to facilitate collection of out-of-state traffic violators and capture needed revenue in excess of \$3 million.” Staff may want to comment if this funding is still available.
 - If the County wishes to maintain this provision, please confirm the correct title of the Interstate Compact the County wishes Wisconsin to join. If this is referring to

the Interstate Compact on Driver's License (versus Compact on Traffic Forfeitures), the Compact started in 1960, and the last states to join were in 1993. Nevada left the Compact in 2007.

- The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators more recently supports states joining the Driver License Agreement, which is a newer interstate compact written by the Joint Executive Board of the Driver License Compact and the Non-Resident Violator Compact, and requires all states to honor licenses issued by other member states, report traffic convictions to the licensing state, prohibit a member state from confiscating an out-of-state driver's license or jailing an out-of-state driver for a minor violation; and maintain a complete driver's history, including withdrawals and traffic convictions including those committed in non-DLA states. Only three states have joined this agreement since 2002.
- **Boating Laws/Boater Registration Act:** Suggest combining the two provisions.
- SUGGESTED ADDITION: Bail and conditions of Pre-trial Release: Suggest adding language to support efforts to reform bail system. There is currently a Legislative Council Study Committee looking at this issue, so legislation is likely to be proposed. Dane Co also received a grant to pilot some changes. CJC Subcommittee on Pre-Trial Services supports reforms. NOTE: County may not support the Study Committee's recommended bills, but other legislation is also likely forthcoming, so County should be prepared to take a position.
 - Suggested language: "Support legislation that reforms bail and conditions of pretrial release that enhance public safety and respects the constitutional rights of the accused, considers the costs to local governments, and incorporates evidence-based strategies."
- SUGGESTED ADDITION: Sup. Wegleitner would like language referencing the County's opposition to Marsy's Law, which is a constitutional amendment under second consideration before the Legislature. (If passed, it will go before the public in a statewide referendum.)
 - Suggested Language: "Marsy's Law: Support crime victims by expanding and fully funding current statutory programs that aim to protect and consult them throughout criminal proceedings. Oppose unnecessary constitutional amendments that result in overburdening the criminal justice system and undermining defendants' constitutional rights."